

Friday, 14 September

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1. Attended Special Group (Augmented) Meeting. Colonel Steakley outlined capabilities for low-level coverage of certain targets in Cuba. It was noted that the Secretary of Defense did not wish this operation considered further until the results of Agency reconnaissance in the same area are available. Further consideration was thus deferred until next week's meeting. I said that special efforts will be required to identify certain installations, the nature of which is not clear at present (cruise missile sites at Banes, not identified conclusively at this time). It was agreed that the Joint Reconnaissance Center should keep an eye on all military flights in the Cuban area. (from Minutes)
2. "Action on low-level reconnaissance over Cuba was deferred until next week's meeting. The Acting DCI pushed hard to keep the Group disposed toward a favorable consideration later. The Agency is to continue to press this matter." (From Elder's Memo for the Record)
3. See attached record of MONGOOSE meeting.
4. Went to ISO

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD ON MONGOOSE MEETING
OF 14 SEPTEMBER 1962

The Acting DCI informed the meeting of our firmer identification of the site at Banes.

The 12 September addendum to the Phase Two MONGOOSE Operation was discussed and the entire Phase Two was approved in principle as a platform from which to proceed. Activities which may be especially sensitive are to be brought before the Group, and this body wishes to be kept generally advised on progress.

General Lansdale indicated that papers on a "blockade" are being generated outside MONGOOSE channels. (Elder talked to George Carroll on Saturday who identified such papers as part of the DOD contingency planning exercise and indicated that there is very little interest or steam in them.)


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CIA Headquarters and all WH stations are to be especially alert for any shipments of arms or other subversive material from Cuba to other Latin American countries. (Chief, Task Force W says this alert has been laid on and is in force.)

There was some discussion of a State-JCS meeting with McGeorge Bundy on contingency plans for Cuba.

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 attended for the Agency. He reports that no decisions were made, no new ideas were brought up, and nothing useful emerged from the meeting.

It was generally agreed that we should make an effort to get Pan American to continue some flights to Cuba. We are not to

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accept prices, but to continue negotiations, try to get a lower figure, and to make no commitments at this time. A status report is to be furnished to the Special Group (Augmented) on this subject.

The Attorney General expressed concern that activities by certain Cuban exiles are reaching the point where the Government may be forced to take action against them rather than to simply state that "we are investigating." The Agency is requested to see what it can do to help reduce the noise level of these activities."

Walter Elder